

*Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a channel selection canvas to a video display device, comprising:

(a) receiving a request at a particular time of day from a user to display the channel selection canvas;

(b) in response to receiving the request, retrieving a stored listing of the gathering user preference information related to the channel selection canvas, wherein user preference information includes information related to a user's favorite channels as a function of for the particular time of day, wherein the stored listing is retrieved from among a plurality of stored channel listings that each correspond to a different particular time of day;

(c) sampling a plurality of ~~video input streams, wherein video input stream~~ samples channels, using at least one processor, based on the listing of the user's favorite channels for the particular time of day to form thumbnails that are included within the channel selection canvas;

(d) formatting the channel selection canvas based on ~~[[the]]~~ user preference information ~~and the video input stream samples;~~ and

(e) transmitting the channel selection canvas to the video display device.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein step (e) includes wirelessly transmitting the channel selection canvas to a ~~remote~~ the video display device.

23-30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the video display device is at least one of a personal digital assistant (PDA), a cell phone, and a smart phone.

32. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein step (d) further includes formatting the channel selection canvas based on the video display device.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the thumbnails are formatted based on the video display device to include one of full motion video, slow motion video, and a snapshot.

34. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein step (b) further includes retrieving the stored listing of the user's favorite channels for at least one of a morning, afternoon, and evening time of day.

35. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the user preference information further includes a number of thumbnails that are included within the channel selection canvas.

36. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the user preference information further includes at least one of a location, size, and orientation of fields within the channel selection canvas.

37. (New) A tangible computer-readable medium having stored thereon, computer-executable instruction that, if executed by a computing device, cause the computing device to perform a method for providing a channel selection canvas to a video display device, the method comprising:

- (a) receiving a request at a particular time of day from a user to display the channel selection canvas;

- (b) in response to receiving the request, retrieving a stored listing of the user's favorite channels for the particular time of day, wherein the stored listing is retrieved from among a plurality of stored channel listings that each correspond to a different particular time of day;

- (c) sampling a plurality of channels, using at least one processor, based on the listing of the user's favorite channels for the particular time of day to form thumbnails that are included within the channel selection canvas;

- (d) formatting the channel selection canvas based on user preference information; and

- (e) transmitting the channel selection canvas to the video display device.

38. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein step (e) includes wirelessly transmitting the channel selection canvas to the video display device.

39. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 38, wherein the video display device is at least one of a personal digital assistant (PDA), a cell phone, and a smart phone.

40. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein step (d) further includes formatting the channel selection canvas based on the video display device.

41. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the thumbnails are formatted based on the video display device to include one of full motion video, slow motion video, and a snapshot.

42. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein step (b) further includes retrieving the stored listing of the user's favorite channels for at least one of a morning, afternoon, and evening time of day.

43. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the user preference information further includes a number of thumbnails that are included within the channel selection canvas.

44. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the user preference information further includes at least one of a location, size, and orientation of fields within the channel selection canvas.

45. (New) A method for providing a channel selection canvas to a video display device, comprising:

(a) receiving a request at a particular time of day from a user to display the channel selection canvas;

(b) in response to receiving the request, retrieving a stored listing of the user's favorite television channels for the particular time of day and the user's favorite ancillary video sources for the particular time of day, wherein the stored listing is retrieved from among a plurality of stored channel listings and ancillary video source listings that each correspond to a different particular time of day;

(c) sampling a plurality of television channels and ancillary video sources, using at least one processor, based on the listing of the user's favorite channels and ancillary video sources for the particular time of day to form thumbnails that are included within the channel selection canvas;

(d) formatting the channel selection canvas based on user preference information; and

(e) transmitting the channel selection canvas to the video display device.

46. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein the ancillary video sources include at least one of a security camera, a baby monitor, and a video phone.